

HOUSE BILL No. 1245

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-12-3.5-8.

Synopsis: Election audit procedures. Requires that in a precinct using an electronic voting system, the number of votes cast must be reconciled with the number of voters who have received a ballot.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Fine

January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-12-3.5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.76-2014,
2 SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. (a) After each electronic voting system has
4 been secured and the paper vote total printouts obtained, the inspector
5 **and judge of the opposite political party** shall ~~announce~~ **record** the
6 total number of:
7 (1) votes cast on all electronic voting systems located within the
8 polling place, including any absentee ballots cast; **and**
9 (2) **voters who have received a ballot by signing in at the polls,**
10 **including absentee ballots returned according to the poll lists**
11 **for each precinct;**
12 to determine if the total number of votes cast on the electronic voting
13 systems differs from the number of voters shown to have received a
14 ballot at the polls or returned an absentee ballot, according to the poll
15 lists.



(b) The inspector and judge of the opposite political party shall record the information set forth in subsection (a) on an affidavit prescribed under IC 3-5-4-8 and provided to each precinct under IC 3-11-3-10 by the county election board. The inspector and judge shall execute the affidavit before returning the certificates in accordance with section 4 of this chapter and return the affidavit with the certificates. An inspector or judge who fails to execute or return the affidavit in compliance with this subsection is not entitled to receive any election day per diem under IC 3-6-6-25 or any additional compensation under IC 3-6-6-26.

~~(b)~~ (c) If the number of ballots received at the polls and returned as absentee ballots differs from the total number of voters shown on the poll lists, the inspector and judge of the opposite party shall report this fact in writing to the county election board together with the reasons for the discrepancy, if known, at the time that the inspector and judge return the precinct poll list to the board **on the affidavit required under subsection (b).**

(d) The county election board shall compile the information described in subsection (a) into a single document listing for each precinct the difference (if any) between the total number of votes cast and the number of voters who received a ballot at the polls or returned an absentee ballot according to the poll list, and the reasons for the discrepancy in each precinct, as set forth in the affidavit required for the precinct under subsection (b). Not later than noon on the first Friday following the election, the county shall publish the document described in this subsection and immediately make the document available for inspection and copying by any voter of the county.

~~(c)~~ (e) If, in a precinct:

(1) the total number of votes cast; ~~as determined under subsection (a);~~ and

(2) the number of voters who received a ballot at the polls or returned an absentee ballot according to the poll lists;

differs by five (5) or more, then the county election board shall order an audit of the votes cast in that precinct under this section.

~~(d)~~ (f) The county election board shall confirm that the votes cast in an election:

(1) for each candidate and each public question; and

(2) on a direct record electronic voting system in the precinct;

were correctly counted.

~~(e)~~ (g) The county election board shall conduct an audit by means of tests and procedures that are approved by the commission and



1 independent of the provider of the direct record electronic voting
2 system being audited.
3 ~~(f)~~ **(h)** The county election board shall certify the results of the audit
4 not later than noon twelve (12) days after the election. The certification
5 must be on the form prescribed by the commission. One (1) copy shall
6 be filed with the election returns, and one (1) copy must be delivered
7 to the election division.
8 ~~(g)~~ **(i)** Public notice of the time and place of an audit shall be given
9 at least forty-eight (48) hours before the audit. The notice shall be
10 published once in accordance with IC 5-3-1-4. However, if publication
11 in accordance with IC 5-3-1-4 will not allow the county election board
12 to certify the results of the audit within twelve (12) days after the
13 election, notice shall be given by posting at or near the office of the
14 county election board.

